

Amendments to the CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior listings and versions of the claims in his application.

1. (Currently Amended) A run flat tire wheel assembly comprising a run flat support member formed by a ring-shaped metal shell and rubbery elastic members in an inside cavity of a tire/rim, wherein said rubbery elastic member comprises a rubber composition comprising (A) 100 parts by weight of a diene-based rubber and (B) (i) 0.1 to 5 parts by weight of cobalt acetyl acetate and/or (B) (ii) (a), as a reinforcing filler, 40 to 90 parts by weight of carbon black/silica in a ratio of 10/1 to 1/2 (weight ratio) and (b) 1 to 20% by weight, based upon the weight of said silica, of a silane coupling agent, whereby the bondability between the ring-shaped metal shell and the rubbery elastic members is improved.

2. (Original) A tire wheel assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein the component (B) (ii) of the rubber composition further comprises (c) 1 to 10 parts by weight of sulfur, based upon 100 parts by weight of diene-based rubber.

3. (Previously Presented) A tire wheel assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein the rubbery elastic members of the run flat support member are arranged between the ring-shaped metal shell and the rim and have a structure for supporting the ring-shaped metal shell.

4. (Previously Presented) A tire wheel assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein the new material of the ring-shaped metal shell is steel or stainless steel.

5. (Previously Presented) A tire wheel assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein, when the nominal radius of the tire is R (inch) and the contact area of the rubbery elastic member/the metal is S (cm²), the ratio S/R thereof is 4.5 cm²/inch or more.

6. (Previously Presented) A tire wheel assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein the bonded surfaces are composed of surfaces in the substantially axial direction and surfaces in the substantially radial direction.

7. (Previously Presented) A tire wheel assembly as claimed in claim 2, wherein the rubbery elastic members of the run flat support member are arranged between the ring-shaped metal shell and the rim and have a structure for supporting the ring-shaped metal shell.

8. (Previously Presented) A tire wheel assembly as claimed in claim 2, wherein the new material of the ring-shaped metal shell is steel or stainless steel.

9. (Previously Presented) A tire wheel assembly as claimed claim 3, wherein the new material of the ring-shaped metal shell is steel or stainless steel.

10. (Previously Presented) A tire wheel assembly as claimed in claim 2, wherein, when the nominal radius of the tire is R (inch) and the contact area of the rubbery elastic member/the metal is S (cm^2), the ratio S/R thereof is $4.5 \text{ cm}^2/\text{inch}$ or more.

11. (Previously Presented) A tire wheel assembly as claimed in claim 3, wherein, when the nominal radius of the tire is R (inch) and the contact area of the rubbery elastic member/the metal is S (cm^2), the ratio S/R thereof is $4.5 \text{ cm}^2/\text{inch}$ or more.

12. (Previously Presented) A tire wheel assembly as claimed in claim 4, wherein, when the nominal radius of the tire is R (inch) and the contact area of the rubbery elastic member/the metal is S (cm^2), the ratio S/R thereof is $4.5 \text{ cm}^2/\text{inch}$ or more.

13. (Previously Presented) A tire wheel assembly as claimed in claim 2, wherein the bonded surfaces are composed of surfaces in the substantially axial direction and surfaces in the substantially radial direction.

14. (Previously Presented) A tire wheel assembly as claimed in claim 3, wherein the bonded surfaces are composed of surfaces in the substantially axial direction and surfaces in the substantially radial direction.

15. (Previously Presented) A tire wheel assembly as claimed in claim 4, wherein the bonded surfaces are composed of surfaces in the substantially axial direction and surfaces in the substantially radial direction.

16. (Previously Presented) A tire wheel assembly as claimed in claim 5, wherein the bonded surfaces are composed of surfaces in the substantially axial direction and surfaces in the substantially radial direction.

17. (Previously Presented) A tire wheel assembly as claimed in claim 7, wherein the new material of the ring-shaped metal shell is steel or stainless steel.

18. (Previously Presented) A tire wheel assembly as claimed in claim 7, wherein, when the nominal radius of the tire is R (inch) and the contact area of the rubbery elastic member/the metal is S (cm^2), the ratio S/R thereof is $4.5 \text{ cm}^2/\text{inch}$ or more.

19. (Previously Presented) A tire wheel assembly as claimed in claim 8, wherein, when the nominal radius of the tire is R (inch) and the contact area of the rubbery elastic member/the metal is S (cm^2), the ratio S/R thereof is $4.5 \text{ cm}^2/\text{inch}$ or more.

20. (Previously Presented) A tire wheel assembly as claimed in claim 9, wherein, when the nominal radius of the tire is R (inch) and the contact area of the rubbery elastic member/the metal is S (cm^2), the ratio S/R thereof is $4.5 \text{ cm}^2/\text{inch}$ or more.